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SUBJECT: RWANDA, LIBYA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: RWANDA APPEARS BEING POLITICALLY OUTMANEUVERED BY LIBYA-RWANDA MUTUAL COURTSHIP ALTHOUGH IT CONTINUES RECEIVE ASSISTANCE DIVIDENDS. INCREASING RELATIONS WITH OTHER ARAB STATES MAY PROVIDE MODERATING OFFSET. END SUMMARY

2. VISITS: RWANDAN FONMIN LT. COL. NSEKALIJE VISITED TRIPOLI AUG 15-20 ENROUTE VIRTUAL SIX-WEEK ABSENCE ON VISITS PERU (NAC) ASIA (PRC, DPRK) AND FRANCE. FONMIN VISITS TO LIBYA HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN GARNERING SOME \$15 MILLION IN LIBYAN AID COMMITMENTS. LATEST SWING LED TO SIGNING AGREEMENT FOR JOINT AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY (TEA AND QUININE) FOR WHICH GOL WILL PROVIDE AT LEAST HALF OF \$2.1 MILLION PAID-IN
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CAPITAL. VICE CHIEF STAFF MAJOR SERUBUGA ALSO VISITED LIBYA

EARLY SEPT WITH MIL DELEGATION TO PARTICIPATE IN SIXTH ANNIVERSARY LIBYAN RESOLUTION AND RETURNED SPOUTING WHAT ARE NOW STANDARD PUBLIC GOR PAEANS OF PRAISE FOR QUADDAFI AND GOL. MEANWHILE, LIBYAN DEL FROM LIBYAN ARABIC SOCIALIST UNION ARRIVED RWANDA SEPT 5 AND RECEIVED VIP TREATMENT. DEL ANNOUNCED AS PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO NEWLY-FORMED RWANDAN NATIONAL POLITICAL MOVEMENT (MRND). EMB UNDERSTANDS "ASSISTANCE" MEANS CREDITS FOR VEHICLES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL HARDWARE.

3. MIDDLE EAST - FONMIN WAS QUOTED ON TRIPOLI ARNA (AS PER FBIS) AS INDICATING GOR FAVORED EXPULSION ISRAEL FROM UN AND HAD ADOPTED THAT LINE AT KAMPALA OAU SUMMIT. FONMIN ALSO GAVE LATER INTERVIEW TO RADIO RWANDA SEPT 6 WHICH INDICATED GOR NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH SINAI ACCORD AS IT "SET ASIDE" PALESTINIAN ISSUE. DURING CALL BY AMB SEPT 23, RWANDAN PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA TOOK INITIATIVE EXPRESS GOR PLEASURE AT SIGNATURE SINAI ACCORD AND TO REITERATE GOR VIEW THAT NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD CONTINUE, HOPEFULLY WITH SYRIA NEXT. AMB ECHOED SECRETARY'S STATEMENT THAT SINAI ACCORD WAS A BEGINNING NOT AN END TO NEGOTIATION PROCESS. AMB ALSO NOTED THAT SOME RADIO STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO GOR DID NOT APPEAR REFLECT WHAT USG UNDERSTOOD AS GOR POLICY TOWARD ISRAEL AND MIDDLE EAST. AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION OF ARNA DETAILS, PRES SHRUGGED AND NOTED "WELL, YOU KNOW RADIO LIBYA..." IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, KEY GOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISER EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER LIBYAN RADIO SUMMARY AS WELL AS FONMIN'S APPARENT MISGUIDED STATEMENT KIGALI. AMB ALSO TOOK OCCASION INDICATE FROM FBIS THAT GOL HAD ANNOUNCED TRNG RWANDAN ARMY TRAINEES WHICH GOR HAS NEVER PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED. DURING MEETING BY AMB WITH FONMIN SEPT. 30, LT. COL. NSEKALIJE NOTED THAT LIBYAN PRESS HAD APPEARED UNRESPONSIVE TO GOL FONOFF GUIDANCE AND HE HAD NOTED DISTORTION HIS STATEMENTS WHILE STILL IN TRIPOLI AND VOLUNTEERED HE HAD CONSULTED CLOSELY WITH ZAIRE DEL AT OAU SUMMIT CONFERENCE. ON MIL TRNG, HE REFERRED PREVIOUS PRIVATE CONFIRMATION (REF B) AND SAID TRAINEES NOW CONSIST FIVE HELO PILOTS, A DOZEN MECHANICS AND RADIOMEN PLUS SEVERAL CADETS. NO NEW LIBYAN AID COMMITMENTS WERE OBTAINED.

4. SAUDI ARABIA: MINED RETURNED FROM SAUDI ARABIA SEPT 4
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ANNOUNCING SAG GRANT \$5 MILLION TO RWANDAN DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS ESTABLISHMENT DIPL RELATIONS AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL (CERTAINLY NON-RESIDENT). MINED STATED PRIVATELY FUNDS WOULD BE DEPOSITED IN RWANDAN NATIONAL BANK FOR USE BY GOR FOLLOWING SAG APPROVAL GENERAL PROJECT SCHEMES. SAG DEL EXPECTED IN NEAR FUTURE.

5. COMMENT: EMB SURPRISED SAG WOULD GIVE CARTE-BLANCHE

TO GOR WHOSE OPERATIONAL BUDGET HEAVILY IN DEFICIT AND NEW
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AVAILABLE IN OUTLINE ONLY. HOWEVER,
SAUDI ASSISTANCE COMBINED WITH RECENT KUWAIT AND ARAB LEAGUE
FUNDS PLUS POTENTIAL LIBYAN NON-PERFORMANCE MAY PROVIDE
SOME OFFSET TO CURRENT RWANDAN FIXATION ON LIBYA. FRITTS

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